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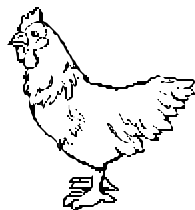
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into retail outlets was slow to fair with limited features and little optimism for first of the month. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate. In the parts structure, movement increased slightly in spot locations, but overall remained very slow to fair. Wings were ample and discounted, but with minimum reaction. The remaining items were increasingly available and very easy to obtain if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/04/02-02/09/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	44.00-65.50	47.14	22
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	51.00-63.50	62.20	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
699	58.40-65.25	62.76
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.00	1,314
BREASTS - B/S	128.50	4,593
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,089
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	770
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	8,385
WINGS	90.50	3,141

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority into Chicago was 2 cents lower than Monday's final and too few to report elsewhere. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product ample on whole birds and Wog's of all weights. Retail demand was slow to instances fair. Food service product movement was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were mostly desirable. Trading on parts items very slow. Supplies of wings and boneless/skinless breasts were plentiful with dark meat items generally available. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and wings with all other items cautiously steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend showed slight improvement, but was still light to fair, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient to easily satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly slow to fair. Wings were fully adequate to ample and continued to move slowly, and all other items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were ample for immediate needs with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying interest was disappointing but expected to improve. Demand for whole body product moderate at best, fairly good for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 79, whole cut-up 87, boneless breast 147-199, seasoned boneless breast 299-549, boneless leg meat 99-138, whole leg 99, leg quarter 59-79, IQF 4# bag wing 699, IQF 5# bag wing 699, drum-stick 99-169, drumstick frozen 5# bag 295, thigh 99-169, roaster 99; Arizona - boneless breast 199, IQF boneless breast 2.5# bag 699, boneless thigh 199, split breast 199, leg quarter 79, 10# bag leg quarter 390, wings IQF 4# 599-799, thigh 99, drumstick 99, roaster 99; Colorado - whole cut-up 89, boneless breast 349, IQF boneless breast 2.5# 699, split breasts 199, leg quarter 69, drumstick IQF 4# bag 2/700, thigh IQF 4# bag 2/700, cornish hens 24oz 2/500.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but was noted as no better than fair overall as dealer remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts had increased in availability and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly entering the weekend but generally remained no better than fair. Seller offerings were readily available and were competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, all items were more than sufficient for the light and unaggressive buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	40-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.91
NO. OF BOXES	8,584
CUMULATIVE	01/28/02-02/01/02 55.97
	01/29/01-02/02/01 55.19
NO. OF BOXES	01/28/02-02/01/02 48,076
	01/29/01-02/02/01 50,093

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 31

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 01

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	858	105.00-175.00	115-125	123.51	853	103.00-175.00	110-120	119.81	4,145	123.21
TENDERLOINS	146	105.00-190.00	105-110	125.58	151	105.00-190.00	105-110	121.89	693	126.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	58.00-63.00	58-60	59.92	107	59.00-63.00	59-61	60.50	441	59.37
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				420	60.21
LEGS	87	36.00-47.00	36-38	36.89	88	36.00-46.00	36-38	36.91	471	36.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.57	446	22.00-27.00	23-24	23.50	2,100	23.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,342	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.77	1,439	25.00-29.00	26-28	26.75	6,521	26.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	80.00-93.00	89-92	91.38	281	75.00-93.00	87-90	89.78	1,405	91.90
WINGS (CUT)	466	95.00-111.00	97-103	101.38	458	92.00-106.00	94-99	99.17	2,243	102.46
DRUMSTICKS	66	47.00-49.50	-	49.27	67	46.00-49.50	-	49.13	366	48.84
THIGHS	26	47.00-51.00	-	50.08	27	46.00-51.00	-	49.70	131	50.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				20	TOO FEW TO REPORT			135	85.19

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR JAN 31, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

TRADING FOR FEB 01, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

41.00 - 45.00

42.29

40.00 - 44.00

41.42

41.94

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but was noted as no better than fair overall. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were increasingly available and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings were ample and discounted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone remained weak on wings, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 31 ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	FEB 01 WEEKLY		
	TRADING*		VOL/LBS		TRADING*		VOL/LBS		WTD AVG		VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120		340,600	120.63	115-120	120.28	422,800	120.86	1,900,320		
TENDERLOINS	100		49,840	106.44	100	105.72	89,560	104.55	362,639		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57		156,640	64.47	56-57	62.79	310,160	63.82	1,024,000		
BREAST - LINE RUN	56		156,440	57.14	56	56.97	192,480	57.16	934,400		
LEGS	38-39		123,400	41.22	38-39	41.72	114,760	41.33	637,000		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25		377,317	25.50	24-25	25.00	330,759	25.50	2,195,108		
DRUMSTICKS	38-39		92,870	41.21	38-39	37.47	144,020	38.68	662,080		
THIGHS	28-29		59,940	37.66	28-29	37.29	74,410	35.86	437,980		
B/S THIGHS	85-86		36,760	86.90	85-86	85.83	43,480	85.56	263,880		
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85		243,060	95.09	82-83	91.86	189,520	94.12	1,324,160		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		24,120	12.36	10-12	12.16	37,120	12.09	176,520		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		5,160	34.77	30-35	31.26	16,832	32.73	66,257		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		19,880	52.93	55-60	54.05	24,060	53.42	130,050		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,****DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA****(L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS			RANGE
	02/01	01/31	01/30	01/29	01/30	01/29	01/25	01/23		
ALA	4,018	3,962	3,797	4,081	5.07	5.09	4,489	5.15	FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ARK	4,860	5,155	5,074	5,013	4.97	5.06	5,284	4.97	ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
DELMARVA	2,188	2,330	2,296	2,216	5.15	5.18	2,094	5.18	HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,264	1,974	1,999	1,968	4.54	4.64	2,287	4.61	HENS OVER 5#	
MISS	2,765	2,770	2,744	2,736	5.22	5.28	2,684	5.19	DUCKS	139
NC	3,095	2,597	2,641	2,688	5.96	6.07	3,269	6.20	RABBITS-WHOLE	
TEXAS	2,369	2,387	2,273	2,256	4.86	4.91	1,869	4.86	RABBITS-CUT UP	
TOTAL	21,559	21,175	20,824	20,958	5.11	5.18	21,976	5.16		

MON-FRI 106,977(A) 99,695(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Feb 02 and 02-Feb-02 is estimated to be 32,255,000 down 2.19 percent from a week ago and up 8.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,977,000; last year 29,686,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Feb-02 is estimated to be 153,457,000 head down 1.8 percent from a week ago, and up 2.4 percent from a year ago

(Last week 156,221,000 Last year 149,857,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

RANGE		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	95-102
	ICE PACK	93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending January 19, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	36,41325,982	47,517	
Avg Weight	3.814.74	6.26	
% of total /1	33%24%	43%	
COMPARISONS			
Last week	26,55222,469	48,716	
Avg Weight	3.694.76	6.25	
% of total /1	27%23%	50%	
Same week, yr ago /2	33,11328,681	41,586	
Avg Weight	3.804.56	6.10	
% of total /1	32%28%	40%	
To date/2002	88,22663,233	134,069	
To date/2001	97,65575,337	139,121	

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Jan-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,221(A)	1,784	1,232	3,016	454
AVG WT	5.16	3.58	7.80	5.30	6.74
LAST WEEK	158,580	1,881	1,298	3,179	491
SAME WK YR AGO	156,803	2,032	1,353	3,385	480
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.75	5.24	6.58
TO-DATE/2002	592,644	7,075	5,079	12,154	1,798
TO-DATE/2001	590,737	7,151	4,746	11,897	1,915

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.1 million head or 2.4 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 29, 2002

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.58	Silkie	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.48	Pigeons	2.25 - 2.85ea.
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .48	White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.26
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.00	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.22
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 3.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.00	Kid Goats	12.00 - 50.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.85 - 1.55	Doves	4.50 - 6.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 5.50ea.		
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Total Coops Sold	520
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28-JAN-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-65	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to at times very good. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Sizes desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 28-JAN-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
WEEK ENDING					
DECEMBER	22	161.4	145.7	111	4.95
	29	116.7	141.6	82	5.23
JANUARY	5	119.7	144.2	83	5.20
	12	161.5	150.6	107	5.10
	19	160.5	155.0	104	5.24
	26	158.1	155.7	102	5.16
YEAR TO DATE		599.8	605.5	99	
FEBRUARY	2		157.4		
	9		157.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	02/02/02	01/26/02	% CHG	01/27/01	% CHG
Broilers	153,457	156,221*	-02	149,857*	+02
Cattle	653	653	0	630*	+04
Hogs	1,859	1,900	-02	1,868*	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were generally unchanged on heavy canners unchanged to slightly lower on the lights, when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. The undertone was cautiously steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25.5 MAJORITY	30-38 MAJORITY 31-34

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-28 MAJORITY 25.5-27	32-38.5 MAJORITY 34.75-35.75

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canners movement was fair and clearing. The undertone was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings ample for the light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was about steady to steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Spent heavy hen demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings. Sales of processed product was only fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

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